

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)

Applicant(s): Richard A. Marando et al.

Docket No.

1-23664

Application No. 10/758,946	Filing Date January 16, 2004	Examiner Sarang Afzali	Customer No. 27210	Group Art Unit 3726	Confirmation No. 6175
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Invention: *Cast Aluminum Node for Connecting Vehicle Frame Members and Method of Manufacturing Same*COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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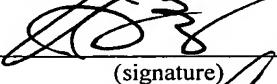
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In re Application of: )  
RICHARD A. MARANDO et al. ) Group Art Unit 3726  
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Serial No. 10/758,946 )  
) Examiner Sarang Afzali  
Filed: January 16, 2004 )  
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For: CAST ALUMINUM NODE FOR ) Confirmation No. 6175  
CONNECTING VEHICLE FRAME )  
MEMBERS AND METHOD OF )  
MANUFACTURING SAME ) Attorney Docket 1-23664

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following pages.